

PAD 69/62
29 May 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC

FROM: Chief, CIA/PAD(NPIC)

SUBJECT: Information Regarding the Establishment of the Special
Operations Center in Headquarters Building

1. As requested following verbal presentation of information regarding a proposal for the establishment of an Operations Center at Langley, a summary of the information is prepared here for your consideration.

25X1A [] of PAD/Liaison Staff came to the Stuart Building at two o'clock yesterday, 28 May, to discuss information he had concerning the development of an Operations Center at Langley and to work out a recommended order of equipment for such a Center. During the initial part of the discussion, [] received a telephone call from [] 25X1A requesting that he have his paper which he is preparing completed and submitted by Friday morning, in view of the fact that [] 25X1A is leaving on a trip with Mr. McCone and wishes to have all of the information for presentation to the DCI while on the trip.

25X1A 2. [] stated that he had been authorized by [] 25X1A to talk with Dr. Guthe and also that [] had been designated as 25X1A [] assistant. In discussing with Dr. Guthe the movement of our personnel to the proposed Operations Center, Dr. Guthe stated that he planned on moving the following personnel:

a. the entire Military Division [] organization, 25X1A including the former Missile Task Force), [] 25X1A

b. three branches of the Manufacturing and Services Division-- 25X1A namely, the Communications Branch [] the Construction Branch [] the Transportation Branch 25X1A []

25X1A The number of new clearances required is not known but it may run as high 25X1A as 30 - 40 new clearances.

3. It should also be borne in mind that Dr. Guthe stated that the present ORR mapping shop (for the AMS program) will remain where it is and will not be moved to the proposed Operations Center. The equipment that the ORR mapping shop currently has will not then be available in the proposed Operations Center. For your information, the ORR mapping shop currently has the following gear:

[] one on order

SECRET

- 5 - 40" [redacted]
- 2 - 40" [redacted]
- 7 - B&L stereomicroscopes
- 1 - portable thermo-fax vu-graph

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4. [redacted] has not been given permission to discuss the Operations Center with any OSI personnel. He stated that he had talked with [redacted] swearing him to secrecy, in order to estimate TO-wise the number of OSI people who might be transferred to the proposed Operations Center. Their estimate is for [redacted] with approximately 30 new clearances being required.

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5. The number of personnel they are currently considering which included mainly OSI and ORR personnel to-date is estimated to require approximately two full floors of "G" wing. I was unable to obtain the square footage of space involved.

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6. [redacted] stated that the primary reason for the establishment of such an Operations Center with such equipment as [redacted] was to permit the DDI users to view the material in order to levy requirements. Apparently the main reason for the rush in preparing an equipment list is to obligate some or all of approximately [redacted] which otherwise would be lost. [redacted] said, "If [redacted] plan as proposed is not approved, the equipment on order would then revert to NPIC."

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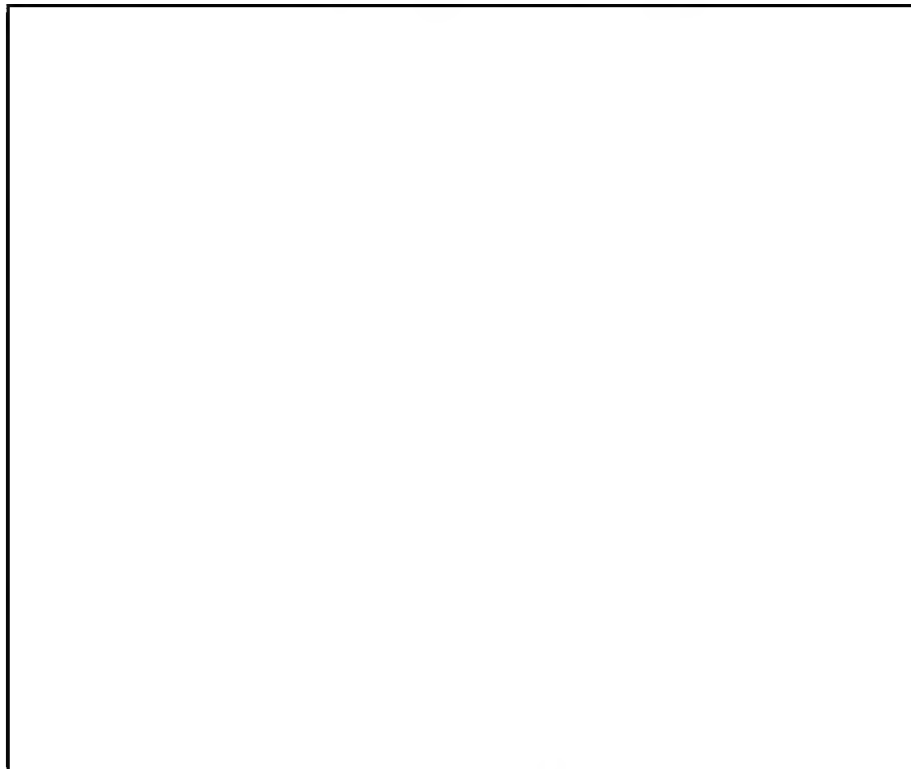
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7. In discussing equipment the following list was arrived at and as far as I know will be the list submitted in more finished form for actual procurement:

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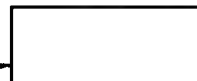
GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

- 2 - Vu-graph carts
- 2 - Library carts
- 2 - Hamilton drafting tables
- 2 - Portable viewing screens
- 2 - Blackboards (dual purpose white)



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TOTAL - Approx.



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8. It was pointed out to [redacted] that some provision in their expenditures should account for maintenance of all of this equipment. PAD was then asked to check on what estimate might be proposed for maintenance of the equipment listed above and also inquire if NPIC could provide maintenance on Operations Center equipment. In addition, it was also pointed out that with all of the viewers, [redacted] etc., they would need possibly to consider requesting film duplication order through COMOR.

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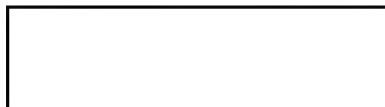
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9. One point that particularly concerns me is that in answering questions concerning equipment, in discussing such things as square footage required for a [redacted] and a working group of two or three people, etc., that it not be reflected to [redacted] or Mr. McCone that CIA/PAD approves the establishment of the proposed Operations Center.

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